

TRADITIONAL GUARD OFFICER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE 109 th Airlift Wing Stratton Air National Guard Base Scotia, New York 12302-9752	ANNOUNCEMENT NO:		17-009-07
	DATE:	15 May 2017	
	CLOSING DATE:		17 Sep 2017
UNIT: 109 th Airlift Squadron / Medical Group Stratton ANGB, Scotia, New York 12302-9752	AFSC:	42E1 (Entry Level)	
MAX AVAILABLE GRADE: Capt./O-3 Appoint as 2Lt-New Commissioning Opportunity	AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Nationwide All applicants may apply who meet the basic qualifications for this position and who are eligible for membership in the NYANG.		
POSITION TITLE: Optometrist			

SPECIALTY SUMMARY

(as outlined in AFI 36-2101 and the AF Officer Classification Guide)

Examines, diagnoses, treats and manages diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associate structures as well as diagnoses related systemic conditions. Serves as an integral part of the military health team and an entry point into the military health care system. The scope of optometric practice in the Air Force includes but is not limited to comprehensive primary eye care services, i.e., evaluations, diagnoses and treatment, for all eligible patient beneficiary categories; comprehensive specialty services, including contact lenses, low vision and vision training; co-management of ocular surgery and ocular complications of systemic illness in the inpatient and outpatient setting; primary eye care consultant for other health care professionals in the military health care system; promoting prevention and wellness, vision conservation, education and training activities, vision screenings, and positive health behaviors.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FACTORS:

- Selection for this position will be made without regard to race, religion, color, creed, gender, or national origin.
- Applicants are subject to review by the MPF and as mandatory requirements are met, as outlined in applicable regulations and applicants must meet an Officer Screening and Interview Board (OSIB)
- The requirements and qualifications prescribed in this announcement are minimum for nomination for appointment consideration. Appointment is not assured merely by meeting these requirements. Persons considered must further qualify with requirements outlined in applicable regulations.

Minimum Qualifications for New Commissioning: Applicant must be less than 28 years of age at time of applying for commissioning and no more than 30 years old at time of entering UFT. Individuals must satisfactorily complete an appointment physical. A baccalaureate or higher degree from an educational institution listed in the current Accredited Institutions of Post-secondary Education is normally required for all appointments. Applicants must score satisfactorily on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT) prior to interview

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: (See AFOCD, AFSC 43E2 for complete description)

- Examines eyes and vision. Examines, diagnoses, treats, and manages diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye, and associated structures, as well as diagnosis of related systemic conditions utilizing refractive, pharmaceutical, and rehabilitative (low vision, contact lens, and binocular vision) procedures.
- Prescribes treatment. Utilizes and prescribes pharmaceutical agents for the examination of the eye and adnexa as well as treatment and management of vision disorders, diseases, and conditions of the eye and adnexa. Utilizes and prescribes ophthalmic and other rehabilitative prosthetic devices (such as spectacles, contact lenses, low vision devices) and trains in their use.
- Orders studies. Orders diagnostic laboratory studies (such as preparation of specimens for cultures, sensitivity testing, smear and histological analysis, chemistry, hematology, coagulation, serology and immunology, nuclear medicine, and urinalysis); orders diagnostic imaging studies (such as ultrasound of the eye, head, neck, heart; ocular fluorescein and indocyanine green angiography; and radiology of the eye, orbit, head, neck, chest including X-ray, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, magnetic resonance angiography with and without contrast).
- Consults with attending physicians and other health care providers. When requested, augments the care of patients and provides referral to appropriate health care providers of patients with medical, surgical, psychiatric, and rehabilitative conditions.
- Performs clinical procedures. Provides refractive status determination; binocular vision status determination; ocular and adnexal health evaluation; external, anterior segment and fundus photography with interpretation; visual field measurement and interpretation, ocular electrodiagnostic measurement with interpretation; ocular diagnostic imaging (optical coherence tomography, scanning laser polarimetry, retinal thickness analyzer, ultrasonographic and laser) measurement with interpretation; ocular angiographic (fluorescein and indocyanine green) photography with interpretation; epilation of lashes; expression of adnexal glands; examination, testing, dilation and irrigation of the lacrimal apparatus; insertion of temporary and permanent punctual plugs; removal of non-perforating foreign bodies from the eye and adnexa.
- Conducts research. Plans and conducts research in areas of clinical optometry and physiological optics, such as physical standards, protective and corrective eyewear, examining methods and techniques, and perceptual problems associated with aeronautics and space flight.
- Manages optometry activities. Directs, supervises, and reviews performance of optometrists and ophthalmic technicians with emphasis on meeting the Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) business plan goals while providing quality care in alignment with the clinical guidelines of the American Optometric Association. Monitors day-to-day clinical and administrative activities to determine compliance with procedures governing optometric activities. Instructs ophthalmic technicians in local operational procedures, and in use and maintenance of ophthalmic instruments. Develops, implements, and conducts process improvement initiatives, collects and analyzes eye and vision treatment outcome data, and develops research program documents, evaluations, procedures, operating instructions, and policies. Reports optometric activities to appropriate squadron commander IAW AFI 48-101, *Aerospace Medicine Operations*. Leads clinical preparation for Health Services Inspection (HSI) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) inspections.
- Manages and directs occupational vision programs. Plans, supervises, and participates in vision conservation and eye protection programs according to AFI 41-115, *Authorized Health Care and Health Care Benefits in the Military Health Services System (MHSS)* and AFI 44-117, *Ophthalmic Services*. Works with the base safety office, public health and flight medicine personnel to identify eye hazardous areas and occupations, and supervises visual screening of personnel in such areas. Arranges for professional services, procurement, and dispensing of gas mask inserts, ballistic protective eyewear inserts and safety eye wear for military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense. AFOCD, 30 April 2013 119
Manages and directs operational programs. Manages and directs the Aircrew Soft Contact Lens Program and the Corneal Refractive Surgery Program, in coordination with the Flight Surgeons Office IAW AFI 48-123, *Aerospace Medicine*.

EDUCATION: For entry into this specialty, completion of a Doctor of Optometry degree from an accredited four-year college of optometry approved by the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS: For award and retention of AFSC 42E3, an unrestricted state license to practice optometry utilizing therapeutic pharmacologic agents is mandatory. Such licensure must be attained within 12 months of entering active duty.

TRAINING: Residency training is recommended, but not mandatory

EXPERIENCE:

For award of AFSC 42E3, a minimum of 12 months of experience in optometry assignments is mandatory. Experience must be in primary eye care services to include the examination, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures as well as diagnosis of related systemic conditions. Perform specialty services including contact lenses, low vision and vision training, and co-management of surgical eye cases and ocular complications of systemic illness.

INTERVIEW: All qualified Candidates will be notified of a time and date to meet an Officer Screening and Interview Board (OSIB).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applicants will prepare and forward a Cover Letter, Resume, AF IMT 215, one copy of the AF Form 24(*Application of Appointment as Reserve of the Air Force or USAF Without Component*), AFOQT Scores, Current Official College Transcripts (sealed envelope in application, or mailed directly to the address below), DD Form 2807-2 (Medical Prescreen of Medical History Report) and final disposition paperwork for any offenses. If prior-service, a Record of Separation/Discharge from the US Armed Forces (if applicable), vMPF records review RIP, most current Physical Fitness Evaluation Report (if applicable).

Application must be received no later than the closing date of this vacancy announcement.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

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For assistance for sending in an application please contact SSgt Morizio at 518-344-2381 or at luke.a.morizio.mil@mail.mil.

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